glad and would have welcomed all necessary steps and the enterprise would have been encouraged rather than discouraged. But the position in regard to this commodity which is of world-wide use is special. There are certain Laws and Regulations existing in British India and naturally they are anxious that there should be no method which would evade their laws by a resort to processes in a neighbouring State. So having regard to the fact that we have made it clear that it is not our intention to work against the interest of British India and the British Indian Exchequer by a procedure which may lead to a serious situation elsewhere we must remove any impression that we are manufacturing or conniving at the manufacture of kerosene oil so as to deprive British India of the dues which they are entitled to. I hope honourable members will bear this fact in mind.

The motion was put and carried.

SECRETARY: The title of the Bill shall be "The Travancore (Kerosene) Excise Duty Bill".

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: It is a very simple measure and it corresponds to a similar enactment in British India. I do not propose to refer it to a Select Committee but request you, Sir, to suspend the Standing Order and permit me to move for the second reading.

PRESIDENT: Permission is granted.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: I move that the Travancore (Kerosene) Excise duty Bill be taken into consideration.

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: I second it.

The motion was put and carried.

Clauses 1 to 5.

The question that Clauses 1 to 5 do stand part of the Bill was put and carried.

Clauses 1 to 5 were added to the Bill.

Preamble and Title.

The question that the Preamble and Title do stand part of the Bill was put and carried.

The Preamble and Title were added to the Bill.

MR PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: Before moving for the third reading of the Bill I move that the figure '1116' be added after the word 'Act' in sub-clause (1) of Clause 1.

The motion was put and carried.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: Sir, I move that the Travancore (Kerosene) Excise Duty Bill be passed.

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: I second it.

The motion was put and carried.

THE TRAVANCORE POLICE ACT (AMENDMENT) BILL.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: Sir, I rise to introduce the Travancore Police Act (Amendment) Bill From the statement of objects and reasons it will be found that this provision is intended to enable the authorities to detect better and more effeciently cases o itheft which are of frequent occurrence in the State. It empowers the police within any specified area to notify pawn-brokers and workers in metals of the theft of any stolen property thereby, casting an obligation on the

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person so notified to inform the police whenever they suspect that the property that is taken to them is the stolen property and to detain if necessary the person so taking the article. In British India for instance under the Bombay City Police Act and in the Madras City Police Act similar provisions are in force. This provision is found to be efficiently working in British India. Hence the Bill. I move that the Bill be read in the Assembly.

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: Sir, I second the motion.

The motion was put and carried.

SECRETARY: The title of the Bill shall be "The Travancore Police (Amendment) Bill".

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: Sir, although it is an one clause amendment Bill I do not want to rush it through the Legislature. Therefore I would move that the Bill be referred to a Select Committee consisting of the following members:—

Messrs. 1 S. Chattanatha Karayalar
2 V. Chandamiah Sahib
3 D. Francis
4 Thariathu Kunjithommen
5 P. S. Muhamed
6 N. Narayana Kurup
7 P. Narayana Pillai
8 K. R. Narayanan
9 P. Vivekanandam and
10 Kainikkara M. Padmanabha Pillai.

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: Sir, I second it.

The motion was put and carried.

The Bill was referred to a Select Committee, to report within two months time.

THE TRAVANCORE CIVIL PROCEDURE CODE (AMENDMENT) BILL.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: Sir, I rise to introduce the Travancore Civil Procedure Code (Amendment) Bill. Honourable members might have noticed that this Bill proposes to make certain important amendments to the Civil Procedure Code. The Laws Delays Commissioner made various recommendations for amending the Civil Procedure Code and these recommendations were subjected to further consideration by the High Court. The High Court recommended to Government that several of the recommendations made by the Laws Delays Commissioner may be adopted. The question was pending disposal with Government, but finally a bill was drafted to give effect to the recommendations. This bill contains most of the recommendations which the High Court have agreed to. In the notes on clauses appended to the Bill I have succinctly stated what exactly is the purport of this amendment. I do not wish to take up the time of the House by entering into the details of the various clauses. Therefore, I would move, Sir, that the Bill be read in the Assembly.

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